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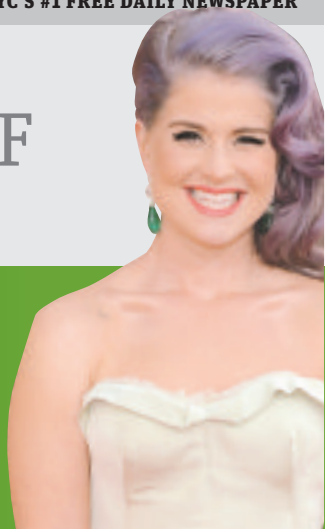
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Deadly rails



Times Square 42 Street Station
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Man jumps in front of train at Times Square **January turning out a deadly month for subway suicides and accidents** **Councilman calls for emergency hearing on deaths** {page 02}

The body of the jumper is carried from the station.

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Latest subway accident spurs call for city to act

► Man jumped in front of 2 train at 42nd Street-Times Square station yesterday morning ► Transportation chair Vacca: Enough is enough ► January turning out to be a deadly month for riders

The FDNY responded to a call at 9:59 a.m. yesterday after a man was hit by a northbound 2 train at 42nd Street.

The victim jumped, according to the NYPD. It was reported that the victim was dead at the scene.

Shortly after, 2 trains were running on the 5 line and 3 trains were running local in both directions from Chambers to 149th Street. Normal service was restored within an hour, with some delays.

Councilman James Vacca called for an emergency hearing to "bring together the appropriate agencies," including the police, MTA and mental health professionals, to come up with a "several-prong plan."

"I think today's latest incident is a serious wake-up call," Vacca said. "We cannot have incident after incident take place like this without saying we are going to act."



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► A man jumped to his death in front of 2 train in Times Square.

Third incident

► This is the third instance of a person being struck by a train in as many days: A woman jumped

in front of an L train Monday morning, and an intoxicated man's leg was severed by an E train when he laid down under a platform on Sunday.

Quoted

"We have to have a plan, and I don't see a plan right now." VACCA

Transit Workers Union: Slow down

The Transit Workers Union passed out flyers on Friday promoting their push for trains to enter stations more slowly. Vacca said he would consider such a proposal, but "would have to look at [it] closely."

"I certainly don't want to do something that would slow down the services we already have."

Incidents in 2011

146

► Struck

47

► Fatal

Incidents in 2012

141

► Struck

55

► Fatal

In the news

Man sentenced to 103 years for sexual attacks

BROOKLYN. A Hasidic man convicted of sexually abusing a young girl was sentenced to 103 years in prison yesterday. Nechemya Weberman, 54, was sentenced to more than a century in jail, Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said. Weberman counseled the victim when she was 12, and sexually abused her multiple times over a 3 year period, prosecutors said.

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In the news



Gun nabbed at JFK Airport

The Transportation Security Administration caught a man attempting to go through security with a loaded .45 semi-automatic firearm in his carry-on luggage yesterday morning. It had seven bullets in the clip and one in the chamber. The man — a resident of Stamford, Conn. — is the first person to be arrested at a New York airport for possessing a firearm at a security checkpoint, TSA reported. He was bound for Cancun.

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The incredible shrinking NYC apartment

Apartments in NYC are about to get even smaller.

The city announced the winner of a competition to create micro-apartments yesterday at the Museum of the City of New York, which will host a version of the unit that visitors can walk through in addition to sample layouts now on view (see page 26).

The winner of the adAPT NYC competition is "My Micro NY," created by Monadnock Development LLC, the Actors Fund Housing Development Corporation and nARCHITECTS, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

The winning design includes 9- and 10-foot ceilings, along with balconies "that provide substantial



► Mayor Bloomberg tours the winning version of the micro-apartment design contest.

"Addressing that housing challenge requires us to think creatively and beyond our current regulations."

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access to light and air," the city described. A 16-foot loft space adds storage and a closet.

The kitchen boasts a pantry, full fridge, range and microwave space.

The units range from 250 to 370 square feet.

The general minimum for an apartment is 400 feet, but Bloomberg is trying to bring this down to fewer than 300 feet in some buildings in hopes that it will help combat New York's limited available housing.

At the event he said that the city needs more homes for one- and two-person households.

"Addressing that housing challenge requires us to think creatively and beyond our current regulations," he said.

The winning design will be used in 55 new units in an East 27th Street building, and 40 percent will be for low-income residents. The apartments should be available by September 2015.

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Education, Sandy recovery top Cuomo's budget address

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In a budget he vowed included no new taxes or fees, Gov. Andrew Cuomo outlined how he would rebuild the state after Sandy and invest in education for the 2013-2014 fiscal year today.

The governor increased aid to education by \$889 million, a 4 percent increase, which he hopes will fund a full-day pre-K program and extend the school day by 25 percent.

In an effort to woo great teachers, the budget also includes \$11 million to give \$15,000 in stipends to the most effective educators.

He also announced a \$50 million fund to convince tech companies to stay in New York.

Cuomo focused on Sandy during his speech, highlighting the devastated parts of the state that still need help to rebuild. About 300,000 properties were wrecked, he said.

"Just think about that number for a second," Cuomo said. "This is going



► Gov. Andrew Cuomo said this year's budget won't raise taxes on state residents.

to be years and years and years. And it has to happen fast."

More than 2,000 miles of roads were ravaged, he added. He also announced \$6 billion in damage to the MTA and Port Authority, urging a smarter rebuilding with bladders that block subway entrances as well as vent covers.

"You can't let the subway system flood," he said.

He also said the state could purchase land where people did not want to rebuild.

"Pay a little bit more, do it right, keep people safe and save money in the long-term," he said.



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Numbers

\$136.5B

Cuomo proposed a \$136.5 billion total budget to begin April 1, when the fiscal year for New York begins.

\$6B

His budget also includes \$6 billion he expects in federal aid.

\$2.5B

The new budget shows an increase of \$2.5 billion from 2012-2013.

\$90.8B

State operating funds spending is \$90.8 billion, a 1.6 percent increase from last year.

\$1.35B

Cuomo says he will close the \$1.3 billion gap without new taxes.

In the news

Bath salts bust in Hells Kitchen

MANHATTAN. Police responded to a 911 call of "a dispute between neighbors involving a foul smell inside of an apartment" at



► Bath salts

431 West 54th St. on Monday night.

A female resident complained of an odor coming from unit 3B that "makes her eyes watery."

The police asked to go inside but the tenant, a white male in his 50s later identified as Christopher Shaffer, refused them entry.

When cops asked what was going on, Shaffer told them the ceiling collapsed.

The building was evacuated while the Bomb Squad, Emergency Service Unit, Narcotics and specialists from the NYPD lab investi-

gated the scene.

There were jars of white powder in the fridge, as well as beakers in the living room.

Shaffer was taken into custody, but no charges are being brought against him.

Law enforcement sources say he was attempting to make bath salts, which are not illegal.

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News in brief



► Garelick

Dentist arrested for reportedly operating drunk

SUFFOLK COUNTY. Suffolk County Police arrested a Lindenhurst dentist after

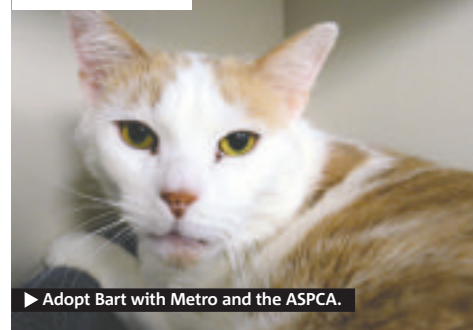
receiving complaints that he appeared to be intoxicated.

Dr. Robert Garelick is a New York state licensed dentist with a practice at 152 N. Wellwood.

The complaints came in at 4:30 p.m. on Monday. Police investigation determined that the 57-year-old dentist was indeed drunk while performing dental work on a patient.

Garelick is being charged with one count of Reckless Endangerment in the second degree, and was arraigned yesterday at the First District Court in Central Islip. ● METRO/DT

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In the news

Cops search for iPhone thief

BROWNSVILLE. A man robbed a teenager, stealing his iPhone, police said. Cops released a photo and description yesterday of the suspect. According to police, on Nov. 13 around



12:45 a.m. at the Junius Street L train station, an 18-year-old man was exiting the station. The suspect, a male, approached him and showed a gun, cops said. He stole the man's iPhone and fled.

The suspect is described as male, black, between 18

and 20, about 5-foot-11 and 175 pounds, wearing a beige jacket and blue jeans with gold-capped front teeth. ● METRO/AB

Train hits car, killing two

BRENTWOOD. Two people are dead after a Long Island Rail Road train hit a car near a railroad crossing yesterday. According to the Daily News, the crash near

Brentwood occurred around 10 a.m. after a driver tried to get around a railroad crossing gate.

The driver might have been on a cell phone, a witness told the newspaper. Both the car and the train ignited and were on fire on the tracks.

The car's two passengers were killed. The engineer in the train was not harmed, according to the report.

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Country. Music



► Taylor Swift, shown, Tim McGraw and Carrie Underwood are few of the singers on Nash 94.7.

GETTY IMAGES

Feel a need for some honky-tonk music? Just flip on the radio. New York City has a country radio station for the first time in 17 years with WRXP 94.7. Cumulus Media branded the station with a nickname of "Nash 94.7." Its website features pictures of country darlings like Tim McGraw, Carrie Underwood and Taylor Swift and promises, "We're more than country — we're Country for Life." ● METRO

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News in brief



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Student injured in Empire State Building shooting sues NYPD

WASHINGTON. One of the people wounded in the Empire State Building shooting last summer has decided to sue the

New York Police Department. According to the Associated Press, Chenin Duclos, a North Carolina student, is suing the department and alleging the officers were negligent.

Duclos was one of the bystanders injured when officers were shooting at a man that allegedly opened fire on a former co-worker.

The AP, the suit, filed yesterday, suggests that the officers should have waited to shoot at the man until he moved away from people on the street outside the tourist destination.

The incident raised questions about the NYPD's firearms training. ● METRO/DT

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USPS gone postal with runaway travel expenses



► Have public funds, will travel.

The Postal Service's watchdog is investigating the agency for runaway travel expenses, a lingering problem for the cash-strapped mail carrier even as it tries aggressively to cut costs.

A report from the Postal Service's Office of Inspector General, released in September, said the employees improperly claimed refunds or used

government-issued travel cards for personal expenses such as hotel stays and purchasing gasoline, among other issues. The Postal Service agreed to the watchdog's recommendations, including better systems to monitor travel card activity and better written expense policies, but the Office of the Inspector General is still probing the issue. **REUTERS**

\$16B

The agency lost almost \$16 billion last year.

\$1M

It paid more than \$1 million in travel reimbursements to employees over 18 months.

\$.6M

According to the report, USPS overpaid more than \$600,000 in travel costs as the result of improper claims.

In the news

Three injured in college shooting in Texas

One person was in critical condition and two others were taken to hospital with injuries after a shooting broke out between two people on the campus of Lone Star College near Houston on

Tuesday.

Authorities report there were two shooters. One person of interest has been detained.

"We did transport three patients from the scene," said Mark Smith, an official with Harris county Emergency Corps which dispatches ambulances in that area.

REUTERS

In the news

Swine flu shot linked to narcolepsy

Around 800 children in Sweden and elsewhere in Europe developed narcolepsy, an incurable sleep disorder, after being immunized with the Pandemrix H1N1 swine flu vaccine made by British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline in 2009.

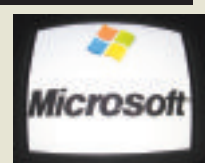
Finland, Norway, Ireland and France have seen spikes in narcolepsy cases, too,

and people familiar with the results of a soon-to-be-published study in Britain have told Reuters that it will show a similar pattern in children there.

Their fate, coping with an illness that all but destroys normal life, is developing into what the health official who coordinated Sweden's vaccination campaign calls a "medical tragedy" that will demand rising attention. Europe's drugs regulator has ruled that Pandemrix should no longer be used by people under 20.

REUTERS

News in brief



Microsoft in talks to invest \$3B in Dell

Dell's not-so-secret attempt to go private is getting even more interesting. Microsoft will reportedly kick in between \$1 billion and \$3 billion to help make the deal happen, according to CNBC's David Faber.

The software giant is in talks with Silver Lake, the leading investors behind Dell's buyout, and founder Michael Dell. Faber notes that Microsoft's stake would be a mezzanine investment. Mezzanine financing often takes the form of debt or preferred stock, and it would be a way for Microsoft to soften the blow of the deal for Silver Lake. **REUTERS**

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People's Republic of Apple: China craves foreign brand electronics



► Chinese people wait outside an Apple store all night before the mainland release of iPhone 4S on Jan. 13, 2012, in Beijing, China.

Three years ago, Lei, a 32-year-old woman from Beijing, did not know much about Apple. Then she bought a secondhand iPod from a friend to listen to her favorite K-pop songs and play games.

Next Lei switched her old Lenovo PC, infected with viruses, for a sparkling new MacBook Pro. When her old Nokia smartphone passed away, she asked a friend, on a business trip to Hong Kong, to find her a tax-free iPhone 4S.

Despite being made in mainland China, Apple products in Beijing are sold at hefty European prices. As Lei loves comics (downloaded for free on the Internet), her mother bought her an \$80 Chinese tablet, which got dangerously warm after one hour's use.

Last week, Lei begged a friend visiting America to smuggle in an iPad Mini 3G for her. She couldn't wait for the product to be launched in China.

Without notice, Lei has turned her world into an Apple amusement park. She is now a "guofen" (fans of Apple products, a pun that translates to "apple powder").

When, in 2008, the U.S. media ran a story with the headline "Why Apple and China are Simply Incompatible," the columnist could not have been more wrong. Apple sold 2 million iPhone 5s on the weekend of its release.

Steve Jobs' successor Tim Cook expects China to become its main market soon.

Jordan Pouille
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Apple logo, Chinese genius

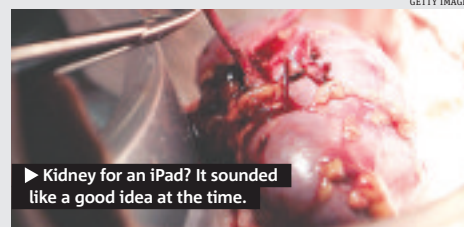
Chinese are so loyal to the American brand that they would like it to cater for all their needs. In China, you can buy Apple ice cream, lighters, toys, clothes,



electric scooters — even Apple apples! To meet China's insatiable demand, Tim Cook has promised to open 25 more stores. Meanwhile, in the small city of Hailar, Inner Mongolia, you can find two fake Apple stores. ● MWN

'I sold my kidney to buy an iPad'

Wang Shangkun, 17, made a life choice he'd regret when he decided to sell a kidney to organ harvesters so that he could buy an iPad and iPhone. Due to poor health, Wang was unable to appear in court last August. The defendants charged with illegal organ trading had sold the



► Kidney for an iPad? It sounded like a good idea at the time.

kidney to a wealthier "patient" for 220,000 yuans or \$35,365. This is just one of the many rev-

elations from Apple fans' blogs like Bbs.shiwan.com or Guofen.com. ● MWN

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Vigilante 'Muslim Patrol' aims to stop drinking in London by using violence

Police are investigating a group of Islamic vigilantes that have filmed themselves abusing drinkers, gay people and women in East London.

In a series of YouTube clips, young men calling themselves the Muslim Patrol are seen "implementing Islam" at night close to a local mosque. One film shows the vigilantes forcing man to pour a can of beer down the drain.

Another shows them threatening a man described as homosexual, saying, "It's a Muslim area. ... You need to get out of here you bloody f—."

Police have responded by increasing their patrols but stressed this has not "regularly occurred."



► The site of the patrols is an East London mosque.

KIERON MONKES

"As a Whitechapel resident and a gay man, I have felt far more fearful walking around my local area in recent months."

NIGEL JACKSON, LOCAL STUDENT

The East London Mosque has distanced itself from the videos, stating: "These actions are utterly unacceptable and clearly designed to stoke tensions and sow discord."

The area has a large Muslim population but is also a hub of nightlife in trendy East London.

Zone of control

Yet the patrols will continue, according to Islamic cleric Anjem Choudary, who has led efforts to establish Sharia zones.

- "I'm pleased young Muslims are addressing public drinking and prostitution, which the police should be dealing with," he said.
- "We need to address the masses and use forceful words, and these patrols need to be much more widespread across London," he said.

Kieron Monks
METRO WORLD NEWS

In the news



► Kim Jong-un

Security Council to vote on North Korea sanctions

The U.N. Security Council planned to vote late yesterday on a draft resolution that condemns North Korea for its December rocket launch and calls for tightening existing U.N. sanctions, council diplomats said.

The U.N. media office confirmed that the 15-nation council would discuss North Korea at a meeting on unrelated issues.

The draft was the result of a deal between the United States and China, envoys said. Even though it does not call for any new

sanctions against Pyongyang, diplomats said China's support for the resolution represented a diplomatic blow. **REUTERS**

US drone strike kills militants

A U.S. drone killed four suspected al Qaeda militants on Monday in a strike in central Yemen, tribal sources said, in the third such attack in three days.

The United States never comments on strikes by its pilotless aircraft, which it has used to track down militants in Yemen for years. The Yemeni government tolerates such strikes but usually does not comment on the U.S. role in specific incidents.

Washington has scaled up action against al Qaeda in the strategically important state. **REUTERS**

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The air strike killed four militants.

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Obama wins praise abroad for climate change goals

President Barack Obama won praise abroad yesterday for his pledge to lead the fight against climate change, which has faltered as nations argue over who should foot the bill to lower carbon emissions.

Two decades of summits and resolutions have not stopped mankind pumping growing quantities of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, despite a wealth of evidence that it is causing more frequent and devastating droughts, storms and floods.

Obama devoted a surprisingly long section of Monday's inauguration speech to climate change — more than a minute out of about 20.



"We have got work to do on climate change, and President Obama was very forthright about the need to tackle climate change."

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD

► The global economic slowdown has made the governments of richer nations more reluctant to invest in technology such as wind or solar power.

He said failure to respond to the threat "would betray our children and future generations."

"The path toward sustainable energy sources will be long and sometimes difficult. But America cannot resist this transition; we must lead it," he said.

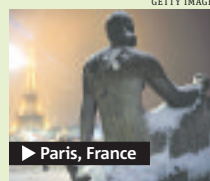
"The U.S. President could not commit stronger to delivering now," Connie Hedegaard, the European

Union's climate commissioner, wrote on Twitter.

A succession of recent natural disasters has put a sharper focus on climate change. Superstorm Sandy struck the United States in October. A typhoon left more than 1,000 people dead or missing in the Philippines in December and this month a searing heat wave caused hundreds of wildfires in Australia. **REUTERS**



In the news



► Paris, France

Rotten eggs stench reaches UK after French gas leaks

PARIS. A cloud of harmless gas smelling of sweat and rotten eggs leaked out of a chemicals factory in northwest France and wafted across the English Channel as far as London yesterday.

The leak occurred on Monday morning at a Lubrizol France plant near Rouen, 120 kilometers (75 miles) northwest of Paris, and winds blew the invisible gas cloud south over northern France on Monday night and then up into England yesterday.

The fire brigade in the

county of Kent, southeast of London, warned residents to keep their doors and windows closed due to a gas cloud it believed had come from France, and London police said it had reports of an acrid smell in southeast London. **REUTERS**

Cheese fire causes traffic meltdown in Norway

OSLO. A truckload of burning cheese has closed a road tunnel in Norway for the last six days.

Some 27 metric tons of flaming brown cheese known as brunost, a Norwegian delicacy, blocked off 1.9-mile tunnel near the northern coastal town of Narvik when it caught fire last Thursday. The fire was finally put out on Monday.

"This high concentration of fat and sugar is almost like petrol if it gets hot enough," said Viggo Berg, a policeman.

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Beyonce singing scandal erupts

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▶ ".....," Beyonce.

If you are one of the millions who thought that **Beyonce** trumped **Kelly Clarkson**'s vocal prowess at Monday's inauguration, you should know a little secret: Beyonce might have lip-synced over a recording of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Internet was abuzz yesterday with a much-circulated story that a spokesperson (who has probably since been fed to the wolves) from the Marine Corp Band, which backed Beyonce (Beyonsync? Hackonce?), said that the singer decided at the "last minute to go with the prerecorded version."

Lip-sync? Beyonce? Girlfriend ripped out her ear piece and then went on to nail it! If her removing

her earpiece was indeed just a touch in order to fool us, her acting ability is

much better than what we saw in "Austin Powers in Goldmember."

Crow speaks out about Armstrong

Lance Armstrong's ex-fiancee, **Sheryl Crow**, is speaking out about the cy-

clist's admission that he doped, saying it would have been tough for him to keep it a secret much longer. "I think that honesty is always the best bet and

that the truth will set you free," she tells "Entertainment Tonight." "To carry around a weight like that would be devastating in the long run."

Talking points

Prince Harry on nude scandal

Prince Harry is finally speaking out about his nude photo scandal from his trip to Las Vegas last summer, acknowledging it wasn't his proudest moment. "I probably let myself down. I let my family down, I let other people down," Harry told reporters as he wrapped up his latest four-month stint in Afghanistan. But he doesn't think he was the only one acting inappropriately. "At

the end of the day, I was in a private area and there should be a certain amount of privacy," he said. "The way I was treated by [the media], I don't think is acceptable."

Behind the Franco and Bieber tiff

James Franco was right about **Justin Bieber** not being too happy with his lip-synching home movie of Bieber's "Boyfriend," but it's not Franco's Bieber impression that has the Canadian pop star miffed. The video features Franco frolicking with his "Spring Breakers"



▶ Franco, Benson

co-star **Ashley Benson**, who was reportedly dating Bieber pal **Ryan Good** at the time it was shot. "Justin was really angry about the video because Ryan was supposed to be Ashley's boyfriend at the time, and she's seen crawling all over James," a source tells Radar Online. "To Ryan and Justin, this was proof of infidelity."

Is Swift flying to London to get back with Styles?

Taylor Swift hurried off to London this week on her private jet, prompting speculation that she's looking to smooth things over with re-

cent ex-boyfriend **Harry Styles**, according to E! News. "Once she disembarked, she was met by a bodyguard and a driver who took her straight into central London," a source says. "She is staying at a London hotel. She seemed excited to be here. She was heard saying how pretty London looked [in the snow]." One Direction's Styles is also reportedly in the U.K. at the moment and has a few days off, sources say. But Swift's rep insists the visit is all business and has nothing to do with Styles. Swift is in town to shoot some magazine covers and perform at two awards shows, the rep says.

Hot. Shot



▶ Frankly my dear, I don't give a dress.

VICTOR BOYKO/GETTY IMAGES

Just one outtake from Paris Haute Couture Fashion Week

This is why I don't get fashion: Here is a model from the **Ulyana Sergeenko** Spring/Summer 2013 show that took place during Paris Fashion Week Haute-Couture yesterday. Is it me or does she look exactly like an extra from "Gone with the Wind"?



The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Olivia Wilde wants a fabulous engagement, Lady Gaga was totally singing to you, Jason Alexander just wants to be taller and Seth Rogen is setting high standards for his lookalikes.

@oliviawilde

I would like to request that the word fiancee be replaced with beyonce, for obvious reasons. Effective immediately.

@ladygaga

And if you thought I was looking at you during the show I was.

@JasonAlexander

With every passing day, I fear that growth spurt my pediatrician swore I'd get may be more and more of a bad prognosis.

@Sethrogen

You don't automatically look like me if you're chubby and have stubble and glasses. You have to be Jewish too.



Rogen

Celebrities who rocked printed pants

1: Beyonce went wild — with her pants — in NYC on Nov. 3.

2: Ke\$ha donned them at the “Elvis Duran Z100 Morning Show” in November.

3: Milla Jovovich wore a pair at Moscow’s “Resident Evil: Retribution” premiere in September.

4: Halle Berry rocked a purple pair at the “Cloud Atlas” premiere in September.

5: Nicki Minaj showed off her own at July’s 2012 BET Awards.

6: Miranda Kerr’s legs strutted the NYC streets in June.

7: Florence Welch wore hers at the 69th Venice Film Festival in August.



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Style news

**Jason Wu
had no clue
about his
inauguration
score**

The reelection of President Obama means four more years of us oohing and ahing over Michelle Obama's exciting and well-thought-out wardrobe choices. For the inaugural ball, the first lady went with the same designer she chose four years ago: Jason Wu.

And just like last time, Wu had no clue he had landed the high-profile gig. He immediately tweeted, "#Inshock!!!"

As he explained in an interview with Women's Wear Daily, "Mrs. Obama likes to keep her secrets. She surprised me again. She's really good at it," he said. "I was so nervous."



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Unlike the dreamy white gown he designed in 2009, Wu created a ruby red, floor-length showstopper. "Like last time, I had to go with my gut. I instinctively had to think of the woman in the dress," Wu said. "After four years in office, I thought the country was ready to see a confident first lady in red. It just felt right." ● **TINA CHADHA**

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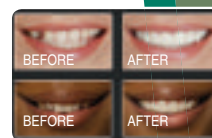
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The best part of selling out?

► Gavin DeGraw heads up a songwriting contest for Folgers Coffee ► The singer says attaching your name to a brand can increase your profile ► It worked for him

Listen-up would-be songwriters — and Gavin DeGraw fans, too. The pop singer/songwriter is heading up Folgers' competition for aspiring songwriters to create a new version of the coffee company's jingle, "The Best Part of Wakin' Up is Folgers in Your Cup," which nets the winner \$25,000. But don't expect DeGraw to add his take on the tune. He is more of a mentor.

"My role is to inspire people to get involved, take a chance, because at some point I was also undiscovered and looking for every opportunity to have someone hear me," he says. "This is a great opportunity for someone who hasn't been seen yet."

DeGraw knows all about the career boost being attached to a brand of-



► If you have the best jingle, you may meet DeGraw.

Whoa, did they say \$25K?

The Folgers Jingle Contest runs through March 6. Entries are judged based on creativ-

ity, originality and musical performance. The top 10 finalists will be posted at Folgers.com/jingle, ready for nationwide voting May 15-June 19.

fers. His song "I Don't Want To Be," was chosen as the theme song to the show "One Tree Hill."

"That was my lucky break," he says. "I had released my album and it was doing well, but the opportunity of having your voice heard on a platform like that, there's great odds that millions of people will hear it."

The boost did help his 2003 debut, "Chariot," sell more than a million copies.

And DeGraw is still soundtracking: "I wrote a

lovely song with my friend Colbie Caillat," he says of "We Both Know," which will be in Nicholas Sparks' latest movie adaptation, "Safe Haven," out next month.

But that's not all.

"I'm pretty deep into the next album already. I'll be writing a lot here in Los Angeles. I was in Miami producing a couple of songs for it. I'll be doing more in Nashville. It's good to stay busy, right?"



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TV watch list

'Kimora: House of Fab'

REALITY. Cameras follow Kimora Lee Simmons and her drama-loving staff in this docu-series about the fashionista's online retail site Justfab.com. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., Style**

'American Horror Story: Asylum'

DRAMA. Briarcliff Manor may finally be closed, thanks to Lana exposing the horrors of the asylum. But, that doesn't necessarily mean she's safe from the horrors of the asylum. **Season finale, 10 p.m., FX**

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Franchise updates

Part of Schwarzenegger's strategy for his return to Hollywood has been to dust off the franchises that made him a star, like "Conan the Barbarian" and the

"Terminator" series. But getting these projects going has proved tricky.

"A lot of it is timing, and I think that I would've chosen to do 'Conan' already if it had been ready, but the Universal studio just bought the rights to 'Conan' — they have an executive over

there that happens to be a big believer in bringing back that character," he explains. "That will be ready by sometime this year, and the same is also true with 'Triplets,' a sequel to 'Twins.' ... They hired the writers and they are full-blast ahead. That's a movie that we will be doing."

▶ Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the movies full time with 'The Last Stand' ▶ Look out: A new 'Conan' film is in the making

Quoted

"It's kind of like a scary thing to come back, because you don't know if you're accepted or not."

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

once considered a "contract genius" in his heyday for the deals he brokered for films like "Eraser" and "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," regardless of their success or failure. "It's kind of like a scary thing to come back, because you don't know if you're accepted or not," he admits. "I have to also be realistic that I may see something that I may like to do, and I will go and take it to [producer] Lorenzo [di Bonaventura] and he will say, 'Oh, this is fantastic, but I don't think anyone is going to see it.' It's show business."

In "The Last Stand," Schwarzenegger, now 65, is also hoping to get out in front of any wave of jokes about his age. "You don't want to dwell on it, but I just throw it in and it takes the curse off them," he says of jokes made at the expense of his advancing years. "You can make fun of yourself."

But the world's most famous action star can still be candid about the pains of getting older, remarking that it "sucks" to age. "I'm no different than you, we all go through the same dramas. We look in the mirror and say, 'What happened?' I once had muscles and slowly they are deteriorating," he says. "I feel good right now, but I've had my share of injuries. ... I've had a lot of surgeries and a lot of things that needed to be fixed on the body."



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Last year's most overlooked games

Sidescroller



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A whole lot of games come out each year. Thousands, actually. It's easy for some gems to slip through the cracks en route to oblivion. Here are reviews of a few great games that, for whatever reason, we didn't write about.

'Puzzle Craft'

Console: iOS
Maker: Chillingo
Grade: 00000

What happens when you mix a match-three puzzle game with a village sim?



► "Knytt Underground" offers 1,800 rooms to explore.

'Knytt Underground'

Console: PS3/Vita/PC
Maker: Ripstone
Grade: 00000
This beautiful sidescroller has you slowly exploring an interconnected world as either a little boy or an anthropomorphic bouncing

ball. It draws heavily from classics like Metroid and Castlevania, as well as recent indie gems like VVVVVV and Super Meat Boy. Prepare to do a lot of backtracking in order to fully explore the game's 1,800 rooms.

You get one of the more addictive games on the iOS platform. The premise is simple: As you match items, you get more raw material to build your town with. "Puzzle Craft" will turn you into one of those people who stares at his or her phone all throughout dinner.

'Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning'

Console: Xbox 360
Maker: EA
Grade: 00000
While everyone was still frolicking about in Skyrim, this game snuck into stores with minimal fanfare. It's a shame too, as "Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning" takes the fantasy-themed open world of that title but mixes in fun, arcade-style combat. Speaking of, the fighting here feels great.

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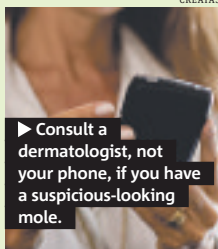
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Today in medicine

Smartphone apps for skin cancer

Location of study: U.S.
Results: A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association-Dermatology found that the accuracy among four phone apps designed for detecting melanoma varied dramatically. At the top of the list, one app diagnosed cancerous moles correctly 98.1 percent of the time. At the bottom, one app detected melanoma only 6.8 percent of the time. The



► Consult a dermatologist, not your phone, if you have a suspicious-looking mole.

study did not release the names of the apps, but the winning app sent photos of questionable moles to doctors for \$5 each.
Significance: Despite the promising findings from one app, on average three wrongly classified more than 30 percent of the melanomas. The concern is that patients using apps may misdiagnose.

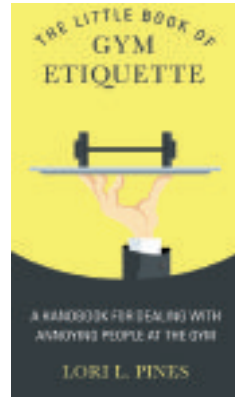
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Common courtesies to remember at the gym

New York City-based lawyer and avid gym-goer Lori Pines was so fed up with bad gym behavior interrupting her workouts that she wrote "The Little Book of Gym Etiquette: A Handbook for Dealing with Annoying People at the Gym." So, what's her biggest peeve?

"People leaving their things all over the place — towels, used water bottles, reading matter. They might be done with it, and they just leave it. They leave a water bottle on a machine and expect you to deal with it."

"People go to the gym to focus on themselves," Pines continues. "That's what it's all about — but you have to be aware of your impact on others around you, too. People don't try to be annoying, but they often aren't aware



how they're affecting others."

If you're exasperated with a fellow exerciser, Pines says to try to let it roll off your back. "The best thing to do is to stay calm. Go to another part of the gym. Try and laugh it off."

How's your gym etiquette?

Here is Pines' checklist for what to remember:

- **Don't be a slob.** "This applies to leaving things around, but also to cleanliness. In the locker room, there's nothing wrong with being naked — but put a towel down on the bench before sitting."
- **Don't be a hog.** "There's always one piece of equipment that everyone wants to use. Talk to the manager and ask them to enforce a time limit. Make sure that it's posted on the equipment."
- **Don't be a space invader.** "One example is

the StairMill. People kick their legs out, wave their arms, go backward. It's annoying to people on the next machine."

► **Don't exhibit.** "Exhibitionists wear inappropriate clothing with body bits hanging out. They make excessive noises."

► **Don't be a supertalker.** "Chatterboxes are so distracting. Cell phone talkers, trainers who talk loudly. Be friendly, but extensive conversation is not the objective."

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Kelly Osbourne: 'I got my s— together'

► The offspring of Ozzy hasn't always had it easy ► How quitting drugs and figuring herself out led to her new happiness

Kelly Osbourne is living proof that willpower is all you need to turn your life around. Despite her famous father's infamous substance abuse problems, over the past three years Kelly has kicked her drug habit and lost a total of 70 pounds. We had to know her secrets for big change.

After appearing on "Dancing With The Stars" in 2009, you lost 70 pounds. Which body part were you most excited to rediscover?

For me, because of my family's history with cancer, my mum is always like, "Have you checked

Q&A

Which part did you go from hating to loving?

► My legs. I didn't realize how much muscle I had underneath the fat, and some pretty toned legs. And I don't have cellulite. Now, athletes always come up to me and say, "You've got great legs." I'm like, "What are you on about? They're muscly!" Men like big calf muscles on themselves, so when they see it on a girl they like it. It's weird.

your boobs?" One day, I was doing a breast self-examination and found this lump. So I went to the doctor and he said, "Kelly, that's your rib!" I was like, "OMG, I have a rib!"

What was it like doing a U-turn on your life?

It's the hardest thing in the world to look at yourself in the mirror and realize you need to fix something. Once you have that realization, actually taking the steps in fixing it is horrible. It makes you feel so vulnerable.

So it wasn't just a physical change for you?

The mental change happened, then the physical.

What changed mentally?

I stopped doing drugs and got my s— together.

How do you feel when you see old photos of yourself?

It's a mixture of emotions. It makes me feel really sad that I let myself get like that. I made myself that way because I was scared.

Scared of what?

[I was scared] of myself and what I was capable of. [I was] famous for really not doing anything and having the entire world judging [me]. But now I'm 28 and I see it for what it is: a learning curve.



Romina McGuinness
METRO WORLD NEWS

On Jack's MS

How did you react when you found out your younger brother, Jack, had multiple sclerosis?

Are you crazy? He's my baby brother, how do you think I reacted? He doesn't want to be treated like a sick person, because he's not sick. It's not a death sentence. He's got a

very military state of mind, so he looks after himself, eats very healthy and works out every day.

Did it affect the way you value life?

I've dealt with my mom almost dying of cancer, my dad almost dying in a bike accident and now my brother has MS. There's nothing they can tell me I can't deal with.



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Try this: First Date: Date, banana, cashews, yogurt, cacao nibs, black pepper

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Registration is now open for the 10th annual More Magazine/Fitness Magazine Women's Half Marathon, which takes place April 14 in Central Park. The run tends to sell out within weeks (women come from all over the world to do it!), so get yourself signed up. www.morefitnesshalf.com

Web tools for battling the flu

We've got to hand it to the folks at WebMD for trying to keep us sane throughout this whole flu epidemic. Enter your zip code on the website's Cold and Flu Map to see how your area is faring and what you should do to stay healthy, and use the Symptom Checker to figure out if the flu is behind that nasty bug you've got.

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Horoscope

♈ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. You won't have to be told that duties that require your immediate attention should be given top priority. Sweeping them under the rug wouldn't give you any peace.

♉ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. A convivial atmosphere will help immensely if there is some kind of business matter that needs to be discussed with others. Find a pleasant, social setting in which to talk things out.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Because you're usually such an upbeat person, merely going along with things could make you look as if you're down in the dumps. You won't be — you'll just be in a quiet mood.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Listen attentively to someone who always has something new to share. If you retain what you hear, chances are you'll later find some effective ways to put it to use.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. It'll pay to focus on endeavors that could enhance your material security. There are likely to be several constructive steps you can take if you're willing to take action.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. It's OK to spend some time on the advancement of one of your primary interests, even if you have to break plans with another.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. The best way to achieve a critical objective is to keep a low profile. You need to pursue your intentions as

unobtrusively as possible.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Because friends will sense your concern for them is genuine, they'll appreciate your efforts on their behalf. Sincerity is the key to a harmonious relationship.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. An objective that you couldn't achieve in the past looks like it can be attained, mostly because this time you're likely to be more flexible and tenacious.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. You're likely to find out that some knowledge you recently acquired can benefit a close friend as much as it does you. Be sure to share it openly and honestly.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Your instincts regarding a commercial matter are likely to be a shade sharper than

usual. Follow your impulses, but be sure to use plenty of logic as well.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Try to avoid an acquaintance who always takes it upon him or herself to make decisions for everybody. You're not likely to have too much patience for this kind of behavior. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Solution to yesterday's crossword

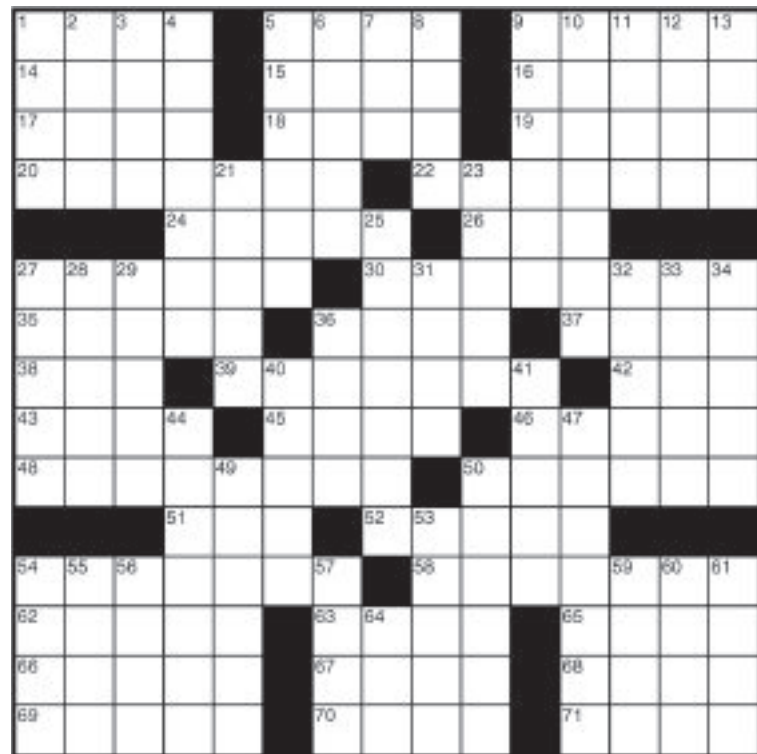


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Letters

The right to bear arms is to protect US, not yourself?

RE: "THE SECOND AMENDMENT NOT A PEACEFUL ONE" (METRO, JAN. 21) Thank you for printing Drew Bates' letter regarding the Second Amendment. I've been wondering why no one bothered reading the Second Amendment. It always seemed to me "the right to bear arms" referred to defending the country, not defending one's life and personal property. I hope everybody reads this letter.

MARGARET KING, VIA E-MAIL

It is exhausting to listen to people that think the Second Amendment was put forth so people can rise against the government. So, George Washington invited people to shoot him? Ridiculous. The Second Amendment allowed for a WELL-REGULATED state-run militia to protect against foreign and domestic enemies that Washington could call into federal service when national security was threatened. Today, that militia is known as the National Guard (state-run, well regulated and can be

called to federal service). Just read the Constitution and the Militia Act of 1792. **MARY RACZKO, VIA E-MAIL**

Having just read Drew Bates' letter, I was elated. Finally a citizen who took the time to read the Constitution. Wake up people, we are slowly losing our rights due to fear. Maybe we should all go back to reading George Orwell's "Animal Farm," because it shows what happens when we forget our rights and don't speak up. **JOHN LEONE, VIA E-MAIL**

Dear America: E pluribus unum

A historic day in American history has occurred again with the inauguration of President Barack Obama. This now has happened on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, who fought hard for civil rights and gave his life for that cause. Remember also Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation that set the stage for an African-American to become president. But now Obama must attempt to unite Democrats and Republicans in a common cause for the good of the American people. For remember a house divided against itself, that house cannot stand. So let it not be said years from now that America was once a great nation but lost its way. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA E-MAIL**

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In the news

Saints coach reinstated from suspension

The Saints have a head coach again. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell reinstated the suspended Sean Payton yesterday. He can return to the team effective immediately. Payton was suspended for the bounty scandal his defensive coordinator Gregg Williams reportedly ran. Payton denied any involvement. **● METRO**

In the news



Grizzlies trade Speights, pick

Memphis made a trade, finally — but it wasn't Rudy Gay they dealt.

After weeks of speculation that Gay would be dealt, the team instead moved forward Marreese Speights, guard Josh Selby, guard Wayne Ellington and a first-round pick to Cleveland for Jon Leuer.

More important than Leuer, a bench player, is the \$6 million in payroll they will shed to avoid the luxury tax.

Prigioni hopes to play contest against Boston

Pablo Prigioni sat out yesterday's practice after colliding with Kris Humphries in last Monday's game and injuring his left big toe. But he's hopeful he can return for tomorrow's game.



Prigioni noted how the team struggled to get into their sets in the fourth quarter of the Nets game without two of their three point guards being available.

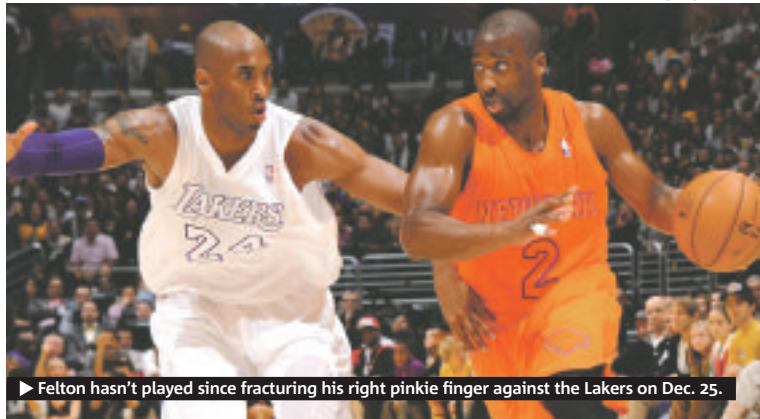
"It was hard to walk at first and forget about running, but later after that the pain started to go down," said Prigioni. "It's a little better now. ... Nothing broke, I think. I hope."

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POINT OF ORDER

► Felton nears return at point guard position ► Knicks in need of captain at helm of offense ► Plans to make return vs. Sixers

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► Felton hasn't played since fracturing his right pinkie finger against the Lakers on Dec. 25.

The Knicks are well aware of the troubles plaguing the last six weeks as they've been without point guard Raymond Felton.

Felton gave the Knicks some good news, however, when he acknowledged he's shooting for a return Saturday night in Philadelphia.

"Trust me, we'll be glad when Raymond comes back, [because] when everyone has to adjust on the fly and leaving me to run the point, try to make things happen and try to get things going for myself — along with everybody else — it can be tiring at times," Carmelo Anthony said.

Felton, who was working on his conditioning

and shooting on the side court with assistant coaches during yesterday's session, has yet to be cleared for contact, but said

there's a "big chance" he'll play against the 76ers.

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THUNDER (32-9)

Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook are two of the most electrifying teammates in the NBA. Anyone else surprised that they've gotten along so well on the court even with their different styles of play? It's a true testament to them seeing the bigger picture.



CLIPPERS (32-10)

The Clippers hosted Oklahoma City last night in L.A., and you can bet the winner will take over the No. 1 spot next week. This is your conference finals preview.



SPURS (33-11)

No Manu Ginobili, no problem. The Spurs beat the Grizzlies, Warriors and Hawks with Ginobili nursing a strained hammy. They're nipping at the heels of the Clippers.



HEAT (26-12)

The Heat haven't played since Thursday and don't play until tonight. Clear your Sunday schedule as Ray Allen and the Heat make their first trip to Boston.



GRIZZLIES (26-14)

Blowout losses to the Clippers and Spurs last week was a wakeup call for a Grizzlies team that still seems to be figuring out if they're contenders or pretenders.



NUGGETS (25-18)

Denver lost to the Thunder last Wednesday but then turned around and beat them in overtime on Sunday. That's the sign of a tough group.



NETS (25-16)

The Nets finally lost their first game of 2013 last week to the Hawks but got revenge on Friday. They're playing some of the best basketball in the league.



WARRIORS (25-15)

Golden State's January schedule has been rough. Losses to the Clippers, Grizzlies, Nuggets, Heat and Spurs set them back a bit.



PACERS (26-16)

The Pacers are first in rebounds and in points allowed. They don't win pretty, but they win. With Danny Granger likely to return soon, there's a lot to be excited about.



KNICKS (25-14)

New York has been playing .500 ball for a month now. A matchup tomorrow night against the Celtics has us thinking about our favorite cereals.



BULLS (24-16)

If these rankings were based on confidence, the Bulls would be in the top 5. So what if they don't have Derrick Rose? They are winning games.



HAWKS (23-18)

A 3-8 stretch isn't going to do a whole lot for the Josh Smith is an All-Star argument. Still, 16.5 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 1.3 spg and 2.2 bpg is hard to dismiss. Let's see if he's traded though.



BUCKS (21-18)

Monta Ellis and Brandon Jennings are averaging virtually the same numbers this season: around 19 points, three rebounds and six assists.



CELTICS (20-20)

Doc Rivers threatened to "get some guys out of here" if things don't change soon. But, really, what other NBA team wants any of these spare parts?



JAZZ (22-19)

The Jazz took advantage of both the Rockets and Blazers' skids and are holding down the No. 7 spot in the Western Conference. They'll take that for sure.



ROCKETS (22-21)

(Don't say, "Houston we have a problem." ... Don't say, "Houston we have a problem.") ... Houston, we have a problem!



BLAZERS (20-21)

Losses to Oklahoma City and Denver are understood. It's the losses to Cleveland and Milwaukee that has everyone second-guessing this streaky Portland team.



MAVS (18-24)

Mavericks? Playoffs? It didn't look like a possibility a month ago, but Dallas is playing good enough basketball to sneak in.



PISTONS (15-25)

The Pistons didn't make any new fans in London where they were blown away by the Knicks, but they returned home to some home cookin' and a win over the reeling Celtics.



WOLVES (17-21)

Minnesota is better than the rest of the basement dwellers without Kevin Love, but that's where it ends. Once he's back, they are a different team.

Sports in brief

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► Kreider

Kreider returns to practice ice

NHL. Young Rangers star Chris Kreider is all right after a scary blow to the head in Sunday's loss to Pittsburgh.

But Kreider says it wasn't fear over a concussion that took him off the ice. He told reporters at practice yesterday the shot injured

his jaw — which he broke in college.

Kreider had no issues at practice yesterday and the team said a concussion test was not deemed necessary.

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Report: Jets interview former LSU CB Mathieu

NFL. Let it never be said the Jets don't court controversy. Multiple reports yesterday indicated the team interviewed former LSU star, and 2011 Heisman trophy finalist, Tyrann Mathieu with taking him in the

2013 draft in mind.

Mathieu was suspended from LSU for the entire 2012 season for repeated failures of the substance abuse policy and eventually withdrew from school. He was later arrested in October for possession of marijuana.

Mathieu had 71 tackles, two interceptions and five forced fumbles in 2011 when he was named the Chuck Bednarik award winner as the best defensive player in the country.

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Ryan uninjured in car crash last week

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► Ryan

Apparently the Jets season literally ended in a car wreck.

Deadspin was the first to report Ryan wrecked his red Mustang in a three-way car accident after running a red light in Bethlehem, Pa., on Jan. 14. A team spokesman told Metro New York that Ryan was not hurt in the accident.

The police report indicated "moderate" damage was suffered in the accident and the Jets head

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Look inside NYC's micro-apartment

► Timed perfectly with Mayor Bloomberg's micro-unit announcement yesterday, the Museum of the City of New York gives us a glimpse at living in small(er) spaces

Think your apartment is too small? Think again. The Museum of the City of New York, in conjunction with Citizens Housing & Planning Council, shows us what living in Mayor Michael Bloomberg's advocated micro-units — apartments ranging from 250 to 370 square feet — will really feel like.

Before touring the winning designs in 2015 (see page 02), you can get a taste at the exhibit titled "Making Room: New Models for Housing New Yorkers."

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Furniture, as well as Amie Gross Architects, created a model unit that takes advantage of every square inch of space in a home.

Before you freak out with flashbacks to your post-college East Village shoe box, rest assured there is no bathtub in the kitchen in these innovative designs.

The model features top amenities, a sleek interior and smart, space-saving solutions that you can even apply to your sprawling 500-square-foot pad.



Mary Ann Georgantopoulos



► This table pulls out to comfortably seat four.

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Kitchen

The kitchen is fully equipped with a refrigerator, freezer, microwave oven, dishwasher — and even a

pull-out table. "It's all about planning and making everything hyper-functional," says Lisa Blecker of Resource Furniture, the company behind the interior design

of the micro-apartment. For example, the pull-out table can neatly tuck under cabinet storage so it's out of your way while you cook, but it's large enough to host a small dinner party.

Bedroom and living space

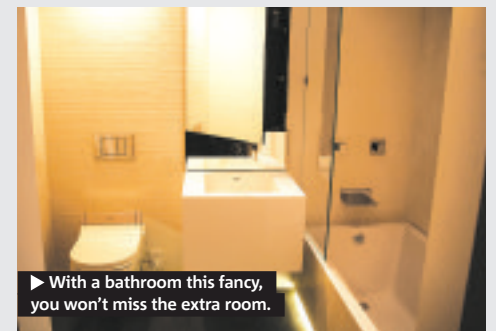
The living space makes use of multifunctional furniture so that you can still have friends over. The bed seamlessly slides out of the wall and folds up into a couch, the television stand slides to reveal a bar and a desk chair can be folded into a stepladder.



► Lisa Blecker transforms the bed into a couch.

Bathroom

The modern bathroom — outfitted with a heated toilet, a waterfall shower and faux-wood floors — has a spa-like feeling. Minimal, the company that designed the bathroom, recessed the medicine cabinet into the wall rather than have it protrude. The light under the bathtub also deceives the eyes to make the room appear bigger.



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